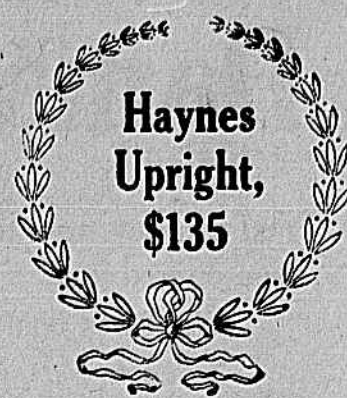


All Records Broken as to Piano Selling!!

Ludwig & Company's Pianos can hardly be beaten in quality and workmanship. Think of it! If the piano goes wrong while in your possession, whether it be one year or twenty-five years—in other words, Ludwig Pianos are guaranteed for a lifetime. Now then, if you want a good Piano, such as this one, you had better

Talk With Crafts

43 New Upright Pianos This Last Week!



Henry & S. G. Lindeman, the world-renowned piano-builders, are supplying us in this territory with their celebrated instruments. The Lindeman family have been making pianos for eighty-six years, and we are sure that you will agree with us that it is time for them to make a good piano. They ought to know how by this time, and they do. We give you their written guarantee for the entire life of the piano. Look around ere you give us a call, see how many pianos you can find that are guaranteed for a lifetime. Remember that we are on a side street, our expenses less, prices lower, quality better.

Talk With Crafts

IMPORTANT!

We are compelled to make a few statements in this advertisement to enlighten some of our friends who were contestants in our recent Baby Contest. We are informed that some of the piano agents say that we do not handle new pianos; others say we are going out of business; others say that we are not legitimate dealers; and still others say that our prices are beyond what they should be. If the above statements are true, we will pay Five Thousand Dollars for the proof of the above statements if they apply to us in any way, shape or manner. It is as the old truth goes, if you throw a stone into a lot of dogs the one that you strike will be the

one that will yelp. Now, we never have, and never expect to say anything against any of our competitors. We have heard a great deal as to what is being said about "The Little Store Around the Corner," but we are proud to refer to each and every one of the army of patrons that have dealt with us. Remember, we have no managers, we have no agents, we have no collectors. Why shouldn't we sell pianos for less than our competitors care to sell theirs at. If the public knew as much about piano values as we do, it is needless to say that there would be but one concern in Richmond supplying the demand in this territory. We propose to become the

largest and the most reliable and up-to-date piano dealers and manufacturers in the South, and we are on the way, merrily. Last year we had 214 North Fifth Street, this year we have 214 and 216 North Fifth Street, and besides, a large store-room on Main Street where we can put in as many as four car-loads of the celebrated, artistic instruments, such as we handle. Think of it, twelve of the leading manufacturers supplying pianos to "The Little Store Around the Corner." Why not save a little on the purchase of a Piano? A penny saved is better than a penny earned, or just as good.

Get the habit, "TALK WITH CRAFTS."

The Crafts Piano Company, Inc.,

Open Evenings Until 10 o'clock.

214-216 NORTH FIFTH STREET.

"The Little Store Around the Corner"

FOR NATIONAL PARK.
Project Under Way to Make Memorial Place of Fort Fisher.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILMINGTON, N. C., December 19.—The Chamber of Commerce of this city has taken decisive action for co-operation in the work of getting Congress to establish a national park at Fort Fisher, where during the Civil War some of the fiercest battles were fought. A movement looking towards this was started here almost two years ago, when Northern and Southern survivors of the battles held a reunion and formed the Fort Fisher Association. Since

then Federal veterans in the North have taken the matter up, and recently the project received strong impetus by a visit of Rev. J. A. Smith, of this city, to New York State to lecture by request on battles at Fort Fisher. He was given an ovation, and the veterans of Utica, N. Y., passed strong resolutions endorsing and urging the establishment of the park at Fort Fisher, and the matter is before Congress now, a bill having been introduced for that purpose by Representative Godwin, of this State. Much of the fort land is owned by residents of Virginia.

Officers Are Chosen.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., December 19.—At the annual convocation last night of Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: High priest, Dr. J. T. J. Battle; king, C. M. Vanstony; scribe, John W. Petty; captain of the hosts, John J. Phoenix; treasurer, F. C. Boyles; secretary, J. C. Pierce. Installation will be at next monthly meeting in January.

DAM CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET

Great Undertaking, Which Means Much to Future of Emporia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
EMPORIA, VA., December 19.—The Greensville Water Power Company, of Emporia, awarded the contract for constructing the \$150,000 cement dam across the Meherrin River to Messrs. Stanger, Bros. and Haglund and Highland and Myers, of Richmond, Va., today.

Work upon the structure will begin Monday, and the contract will be pushed to rapid completion.

This outlay will be reinforced by an additional expenditure of between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in equipment and taking over the local electric light and telephone systems, both of which will be rebuilt as if new plants were being installed. Both the telephone and electric light plants will be modern and up to date in every respect, and a splendid service may be expected to be rendered to town. The dam will be electrically lighted by a large number of improved arc lights, which will replace the gloomy incandescent bulb that now throws under low voltage throughout the town. All the motive force used in Emporia in connection with the above named industries will be supplied by the Greensville Water Power Company. Special long distance telephone service will be a feature of the new exchange.

Home Capital Is Making Emporia.
Practically every dollar invested in the present undertaking will be furnished by citizens who live in Emporia. Such faith in the future development of the community must suggest to the outside that Emporia is a most brilliant commercial future. This movement means a solid and an immediate future to the town and the few, if any, towns of this population possess.

The Greensville Water Power Company has already secured sufficient contracts to guarantee the interest on the loan. The company has a guarantee of the maximum horsepower that can be developed will thrive the low water development.

The dam will be built of the best granite and cement. It will be at the spillway thirty-six feet in height and 700 feet in length. By the first of January, 1909, the men, and probably more, will be engaged in building this vast structure. From present indications, the local capitalists believe that will have been completed by August 1st of the coming year.

The building of this dam across Meherrin River when finished, will be a most interesting and novel feat of engineering. "Emporia is now 5,000. In five years she will be 10,000 or 12,000," said a prominent business man today.

disappeared from this town last Thursday. Miss Annie Dell Fowles, one of the daughters of Mr. Alex Fowles, proprietor of the People's Meat Market, and Miss Ercell Dixon, who disappeared at the same time, returned today from a trip to North Carolina as Mrs. Cliborne and Mrs. Hawkins, respectively. They were accompanied by their husbands, and received the congratulations of their many surprised friends.

Fire Destroys Barn.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 19.—Dr. R. C. Buck, of Garrisonville,

formerly of Fauquier county, lost by fire a big barn on his farm in Prince William county a few days ago. The contents were also destroyed. The loss was over \$1,000, and there was no insurance. It is said that a tramp set fire to the barn.

Search for Staff.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HIGH POINT, N. C., December 19.—Mr. M. Sechrist, of this city, has been placed on the staff of General Julian S. Carr, with rank of major.

Turns Out First Kilm.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December

19.—The Fredericksburg Brick Company's plant, recently established here, has just turned out its first kiln of 250,000 bricks, which was a complete success. A large number of operators are employed by this enterprise, which is located within the city limits.

Mr. Tucker Seeks Friends.
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 19.—Hon. H. St. George Tucker, spent today here with friends, mingled with citizens and conferred with some of the leading men in connection with his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor, which contest will be decided in 1909. Mr. Tucker has many friends here.

Buying Gifts is a Pleasure at This Store.

Rich, Suitable and Beautiful.

You forget your shopping worries here! The store is one magnificent assortment of gift merchandise.

The right article at the right price, and of the right quality, greets you at every turn.

Leather Novelties, Brass Goods, Holiday Pictures, Calendars, etc. Let us mention a few:

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| Postal Card Albums, 25c to \$5.00. | Waste Baskets, 50c to \$5.00. |
| Leather Desk Blotters, 75c to \$7.50. | Hand-Painted Calendars, \$1.25. |
| Xmas Calendars, 25c to \$5.00. | Gent's Bill Folds, 25c to \$5.00. |
| Mission Wood Calendars, \$1.00. | Gent's Wallets, \$1.25 to \$7.50. |
| Xmas Box Writing Paper, 25c to \$12.00. | Ladies' Card Cases, 75c to \$5.00. |
| Brass Desk Sets, \$5.00 to \$25.00. | Desk Portfolios, 25c to \$10.00. |
| Brass Ink Stands, \$1.75 to \$15.00. | Bridge Sets, \$1.50 to \$5.40. |
| | Leather Jewelry Cases, 90c to \$12.00. |

Beautiful Pictures, Worth 25c to \$1.00, at 10c.

A Fine Collection of the Most Varied Assortment.

Virginia Stationery Co.,
915 East Main Street.

The Store Will Be Open Nights Until Xmas.

We will exchange purchase any time after Xmas.



Open evenings until Xmas.

Doll Shoes, 15c and 25c.

Doll Stockings, 10c; All Colors.

Ladies' Slippers
In fur trimmed felt, leather soles, crocheted slippers, all felt and kid, all colors.
50c, 69c and \$1.

Men's Slippers
50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.

Storm Shoes
for winter wear, hunting, etc.
\$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5, \$6.

Ladies' Shoes
for all occasions.
\$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50.
Evening Slippers in kid and satin.

Rubber Boots
Chilse \$1.15
Misses \$1.35
Ladies \$1.03
Men's \$5.00

Men's Shoes
in heavy and light weights, Pats. Box Calf and Kid.
\$1.25 to \$4.
Guaranteed.

Hosiery Department
Pure Silk Hosiery, all colors and white and black, \$1.00, others 10c and up to \$2.50, for men, women and children.

Shoe Trees
Forms for keeping shoes in shape. Ladies' and Men's 69c.

Leggins
Fancy Chinellilla, red, white or blue, 75c.
Leather Leggins, 3 to 10, 10c.
Men's Duck Leggins, 50c, 75c.

Free Toys
with each purchase. Your choice of beautiful Xmas toys as souvenirs. Ask for them.

Hofheimer's

Only Store in Richmond.

311 East Broad Street.

Holly Boxes Free
with each pair of slippers or shoes for men, women and children. Ask for them.